



## 2025-2026 COMPETITION

# VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Post 10427



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APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
**OCTOBER 31, 2025**

### ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



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## PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students
- enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



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